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In re application of: John C. Hermansen et al.

DECISION GRANTING PETITION

Application No. 09/275,766 PETITION
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ADAPTIVE MULTI-CULTURAL
SEARCHING AND MATCHING OF PERSONAL NAMES

This is a decision on the petition filed December 20, 1999, requesting that the above-identified application be withdrawn from the holding of abandonment and restored to pending status.

The petition is granted.

Petitioners allege that they never received the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on April 13, 1999.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application was not received by the petitioners.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

A new Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is attached to the petition, setting a new response period two months from the notice date.

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